centres are received from the Government of Orissa, these will be considered by the Department of financial assistance subject to the potential of the place, existing infrastructure, existing and projected tourist traffic, availability of funds and inter-se priorities, etc.

Chinese stand regarding position of Sikkim in India

951. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR : SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in response to the Chinese concern about Tibet and the Tibetans' activities in India Government have assured China that India considered Tibet as an autonomous region of China and that no anti-Chinese activities in India by Tibetans would be permitted;

(b) whether in response to India's concern about China's non-acceptance of the accession of Sikkim to India, China responded reciprocally; if so, what are the reasons for which it has not been made public and if not, the reasons for which India did not insist for a reciprocal response; and

(c) what is the latest stand of China regarding the position of Sikkim in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) During the Prime Minister's visit to China the consistent stand of the Government of India that Tibet is an autonomous region of China, and that activities incompatible with that position are not permitted on Indian Soil was reiterated.

(b) and (c) Sikkim is an integral part of the Indian Union irrespective of any views held in this regard by another country. The Chinese Government have been made fully aware of the Government of India's stand on this subject.

Submission of project regarding Sports persons by Chief Minister of Kerala

952. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Kerala has submitted a project to the Prime Minister on creation of sports persons of international standard; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Report proposes selection of talented children at Panchayat, District and State levels and their intensive training on a scientific basis with the ultimate objective of preparing them for the Olympics and other international sports competitions. The Project period is envisaged to be 10 years and is estimated to cost Rs. 107.54 crores.

The Report has been received very recently.

Total number of staff of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

953. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Teaching, non-teaching and Headquarters' employees of Kendriya